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Re: SB772, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear Senate Health Care Committee,

I'm writing to request that SB772 Parity for NaturoPathic practitioners be made a law and a requirement. I'm Dayna Curtis and have been a patient with a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) for over 20 years here in Portland. The clinic & ND have helped me with stress management of being a teacher, kept my immune system strong for every new school year and student interactions. They've also got me through a breech baby pregnancy where I was able to have him turned easily for natural delivery. Now I'm being seen and supported through menopause. A few years ago I had a cancer scare and needed to have major surgery. I was panicked about having part of my reproductive system removed, but my ND was right there alongside that experience giving me a sense of empowerment with boosting my immune system to handle the procedures pre and post surgery. I'm appreciative of the surgeon and the regular hospital for knowing their part, but I'm also relieved that I had some control over my body by working with the ND.

I am healthy and vibrant and know it's because I work with both types of medicine to treat my body holistically.

Please support SB772 because right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare.

I have lost many amazing practitioners because they gave up on navigating the mire of insurance companies and went to full and personal payment only- of course they did this out of self preservation. Yet this makes it more difficult for people like me to access this unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

Again, I am asking you to vote yes on SB772 and support fair pay for Naturopathic.

Sincerely,
Dayna Curtis